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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-14 of the US Patent Application No. 10/582428 filed 08/02/2007 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

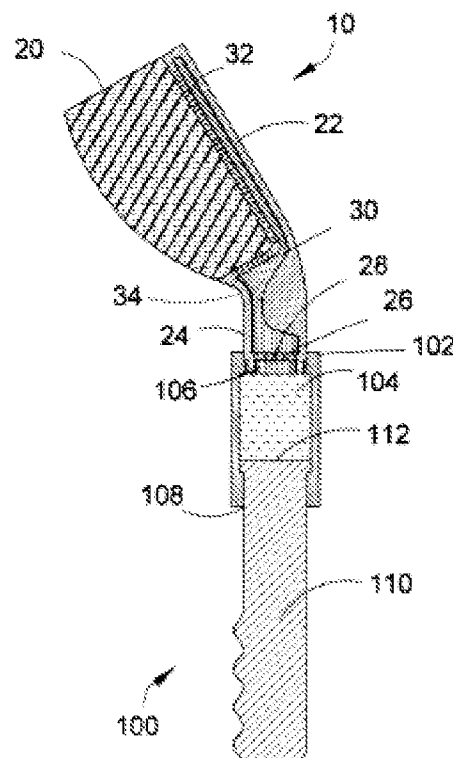
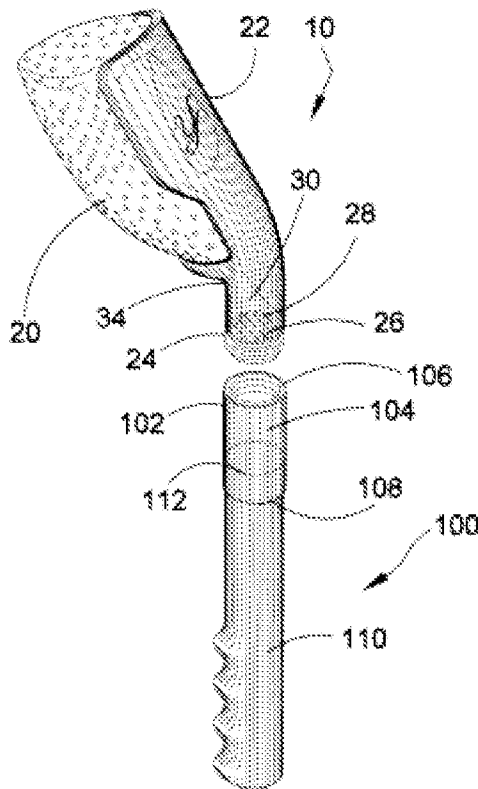
3. Claims 1, 2, 7, and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yannaci et al. (US 6,210,057).

4. In Re claims 1 and 7, Yannaci discloses a liquid applicator including a reservoir 104 (Col. 6, line 5; Figs. 3 and 11) having an opening 106 (Col. 6, lines 7; Fig. 3) for dispensing the liquid contained in the reservoir and the device 10 (Col. 5, line 47; Fig. 3) comprising:

the applicator housing 22 (Col. 5, lines 59, 64; Figs. 3 and 11) that is the plate having a matrix of apertures 32 (Col. 5, line 65; Fig. 11) (claim 7);

a threaded end 24 (Col. 5, lines 55, 56; Fig. 3) that is a connector for connecting to the opening 106 (Fig. 3) in fluid communication with the opening 106 (Fig. 3) of the reservoir 104 (Fig. 3); and

the applicator head 22 (Fig. 3), which is a medicament applicator (Col. 6, lines 64-67) made from a fluid permeable material attached to the plate 22 (Figs. 3 and 11) and fully capable of being detached.



5. In Re claim 2, Yannaci discloses the device, wherein the applicator head is made from sponge (Col. 7, lines 42, 43).
6. In Re claim 9, Yannaci discloses the device, wherein the applicator head has bristles (Col. 7, lines 44, 45) extending from the porous backing, since it comprises a matrix of apertures 32 (Fig. 11) interpreted as a porous backing.
7. In Re claim 10 and 11, Yannaci discloses the kit including a medicament application device 10 (Figs. 3 and 11) comprising a reservoir (medicament container) 104 (Figs. 3 and 11) for connection with the connector 26 (Figs. 3 and 11), wherein the reservoir 104 is interpreted as a bottle fully capable of containing a solution (claim 11).

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8. In Re claim 12, Yannaci discloses the kit, wherein the bottle of solution contains a moisturizing lotion (Col. 3, line 28).

9. In Re claim 13, Yannaci discloses the kit comprising a plurality of applicator heads, such as porous head, sponge head, and brush head having bristles (Col. 7, lines 40-45).

10. In Re claim 14, Yannaci discloses a liquid applicator including a reservoir 104 (Col. 6, line 5; Figs. 3 and 11) having an opening 106 (Col. 6, lines 7; Fig. 3) for dispensing the liquid contained in the reservoir and the device 10 (Col. 5, line 47; Fig. 3) comprising:

the applicator housing 22 (Col. 5, lines 59, 64; Figs. 3 and 11) that is the plate having a matrix of apertures 32 (Col. 5, line 65; Fig. 11) (claim 7);

a threaded end 24 (Col. 5, lines 55, 56; Fig. 3) that is a connector for connecting to the opening 106 (Fig. 3) in fluid communication with the opening 106 (Fig. 3) of the reservoir 104 (Fig. 3); and

the applicator brush head 60 (Fig. 7) having a bristles (Col. 7, lines 44, 45).

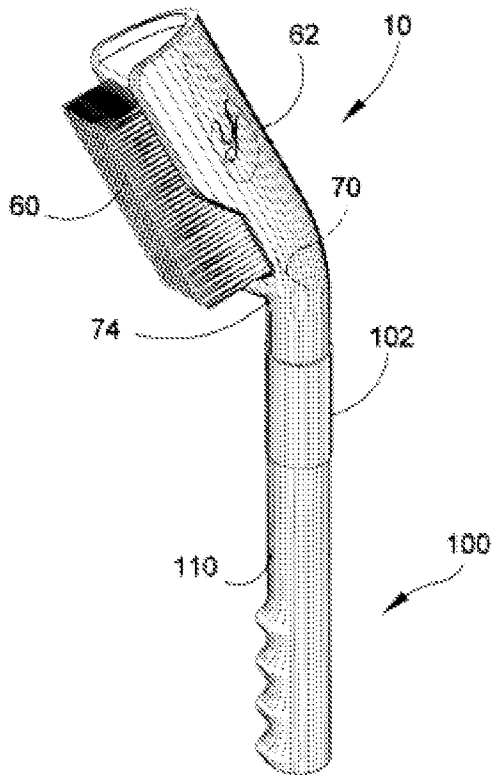


FIG 7

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

11. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

12. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.

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3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

13. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yannaci et al. (US 6,210,057) in view of Laitner (US 3,789,451).

Yannaci discloses the invention discussed above, but does not expressly disclose the application head covered by fluid permeable material.

Laitner teaches the washing unit comprising an absorbent member (Col. 2, line 35) fully capable of applying the liquid on the surface, covered the sheet made of mesh (claim 4) (Col. 2, lines 45, 46).

Since both Yannaci and Laitner belong to the same problem solving area, i.e. maintaining the applicator head, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to cover the applicator head of Yannaci with the mesh sheet, as taught by Laitner in order to provide the device with the massage features.

14. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yannaci et al. (US 6,210,057) in view of Pipkin (US 4,602,650).

Yannaci discloses the invention discussed above, but does not expressly disclose the device, wherein the applicator head has been fixing to the plate by plurality of flexible hooks.

Pipkin teaches the liquid applicator, wherein the plurality of flexible hooks have been used for the fixation of elements (Col. 3, lines 35, 36), and wherein the plurality of hooks is interpreted as a plurality of protrusions, and the plurality of loops is interpreted as a plurality of holes (claim 6).

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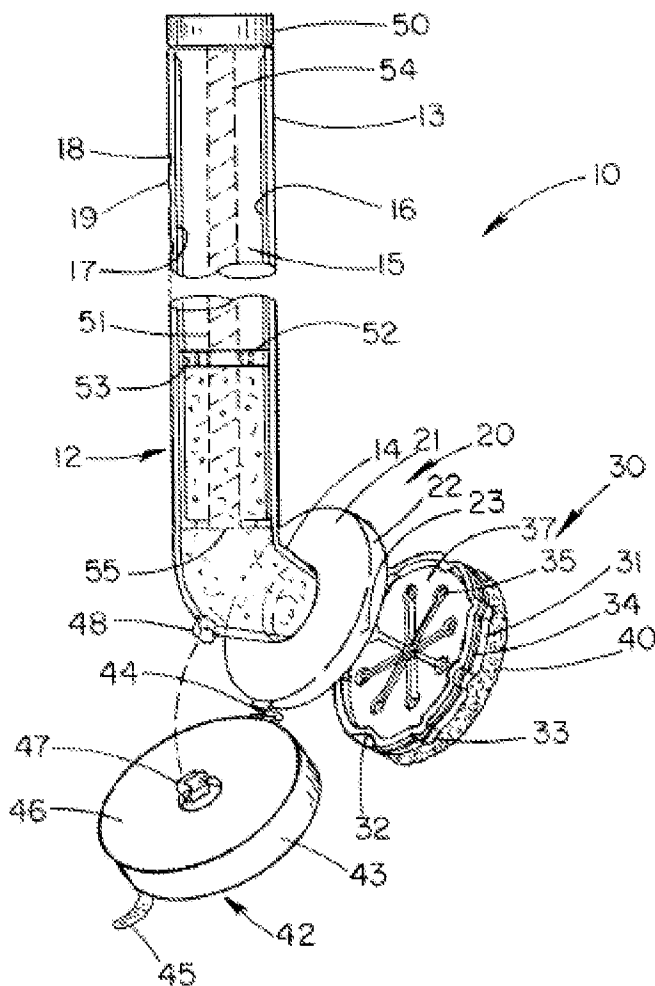
It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the device of Yannaci with fastening hooks/protrusions, as taught by Pipkin in order to provide the device with the conventionally known fastening system.

15. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yannaci et al. (US 6,210,057) in view of Paziienza (US 6,042,286).

Yannaci discloses the invention discussed above, but does not expressly disclose the device, wherein the hole is a star-like hole.

Paziienza teaches the lotion dispensing applicator comprising a star-like hole (See Fig.).

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to supply the device of Yannaci with the star-like hole, as taught by Pazienza in order to utilize the hole of the conventionally known shape.

Conclusion

16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 4,747,720 disclose the SPONGE APPLICATOR AND VALVE. US 6,626,331 disclose the GROUT SEALANT APPLICATOR. US 5,597,255 disclose the LIQUID

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CONTAINER WITH APPLICATOR. US 4,889,441 disclose the SKIN LOTION DISPENSER AND APPLICATOR. US 5,846,011 disclose the BOTTLE WITH BUILT-IN TELESCOPING APPLICATOR HEAD AND SPOUT FOR APPLYING FLUID TO A BODY.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ILYA Y. TREYGER whose telephone number is (571)270-3217. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tatyana Zalukaeva can be reached on 571-272-1115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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